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3 Opens have taken place over the last two months. Kevin Tunstall won his 51st and 52nd titles to end a drought of just over a year—which is a long time for him! On the other end of the scale Leon Beer took his first open after many years of trying with a win at the Sussex. Long overdue for him—he was runner up in the Berkshire Open finals of 2003 & 2007.

The Guernsey v England International kicked off the Guernsey bar billiards weekend. It is a great match now a regular on the calendar because it is played "Ryder Cup" style with doubles and singles matches to make up the total score. England performed well on away soil and in particular the 2 debutants who were called up at the last minute excelled themselves—Dave Ingram & Chris Newson. The other player called up at the last minute was "retired" international Keith Sheard. All these 3 won their singles matches—a great effort! Also a great effort from the Guernsey lads who took 2 singles and 2 doubles wins.

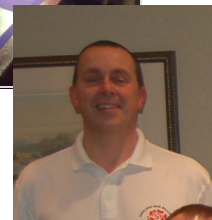


Guernsey Open @ Wayside Hotel, 2nd May 2010

The 3rd Guernsey Open sponsored by Hamilton Trustees Limited was held Sunday 2nd May 2010. **Kevin Tunstall** took the spoils with a win over Guernsey's **John Beck** in the final. This ends a year for Kevin without a national title and I think it is fair to say he was only really tested in the quarter final against **Curt Driver** who lost a 6k break when drawing level with Kevin's score midway through the 2nd leg.



John Beck's story is quite remarkable, he stopped playing many years ago having been a previous Guernsey & Channel Island champion and was persuaded back into the game this year by Norman Wilkinson. With a cue picked up from the side of one of the pub tables he made the final with some very steady play including a cracking win over Steven Sheard in Round 1.



Nigel Senior won the plate from **Darren Ogier**, in a very good final where Nigel was 17k up from the leg 1 and Darren broke down on 11k whilst chasing. **Richard Wooton**, took the high break prize with a **15,500** effort. The ladies high break went to **Hayley Tunstall** with **1,870**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th June 2010)

MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	293.5	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	113.4
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	274.0	2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	109.2
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	248.4	3	Chris Toner	Hants	78.0
4(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	194.8	4(+2)	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	48.6
5(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	192.3	5(-1)	Denise Wills	Surrey	48.1
6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	155.2	6(-1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	46.2
7	Richard Wooton	Sussex	130.3	7	Jenny Florey	Oxon	43.4
8(+1)	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	114.9	8	Alison Norman	Surrey	32.3
9(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	113.8	9	Janet Burns	Berks	24.8
10(-2)	Mark Brewster	Kent	108.1	10	Sue Atkins	Oxon	24.2

Our age restricted competitions have moved from their usual dates at the end of the year to a summer date. To mark this I thought it would be nice to note the most successful players in these competitions. .

Under 25's—there have been 23 editions of this tournament. Steven Sheard won a record 6th title last year. Darren Isard has won 4, Chris Reeves is the only other multiple winner with 2. Curt Driver (1988), Tony Walsh (1989) and Kevin Clark (1991) are 3 other winners who moved onto national success later.

Over 50's— started in 1990, this year's will be the 21st running. Last year's runner up Bill Trinder has won a record 4 titles, Kent's Chris Saville is the other multiple winner on 2. The only national open winner of this event is Tony Martin the 2009 Oxon Open winner

Over 60's - This years will be the 9th running of the tournament started in 2002. Dave France joined Tony Martin last year as a joint record holding two time winner.

Have any ideas of what you want to see in the Newsletter, or wish to contribute stories or pictures?

Email nigelsenior@hotmail.co.uk with your suggestions

England v Guernsey, 1st May 2010

The night before the Guernsey Open at the Wayside hotel (pictured right), **England** took on **Guernsey** in the 6th meeting between the two sides. England have won the first 5 times, last year being a 37-10 home win. The 5 pairs matches started the international and although Guernsey won two of them they trailed 9-16 at the interval. There were some cracking games in the 11 singles matches—England winning 9 of them to make the final match score **40-18**. The two Chapples, **Bob** and son **Robert** won singles matches for Guernsey (beating Steven Sheard and Nigel Senior respectively) and on the England side debutant **Chris Newson** had a giant 3-0 win over the three time World Champion Trevor Gallienne—happy days!



2nd Surrey Open @ St Nicholas's School, Merstham, 9th May 2010

Kevin Tunstall won his 2nd open in a week to complete his collection of all the national open titles. He beat Berkshire's **Paul Sainsbury** in the final. This is a big return to form for Kevin who had a close shave against Mark Brewster in the quarter final and then overcoming England number 2 Nigel Senior in the semi final **Gareth Lloyd** took the high break prize with a **20,070**. The ladies break was taken by **Pauline Withey** with **7,520**. **Martin Smith** won the plate beating **Kevin Hall** in an all Sussex final.

Thanks to Gary Powell and helpers in making the tournament a great success.



Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th June 2009 (after 6 events of 11)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	37
2	Nigel Senior	27
3	Phil Collins	19
4	Steven Sheard	17
5	Keith Sheard	17
6	Curt Driver	16
7	Leon Beer	15
8	Paul Sainsbury	11
9	Mark James	10
10	John Beck	10
11	Mark Trafford	9
12	Chris Newson	8
13	Barry Radford	8
14	Richard Wooton	6
15	Ian Moss	6
16	Geoff Powell	6

Sussex Open @ Roffey Club, Horsham, 13th June 2010

Leon Beer won the Sussex Open held at the Roffey Club, Horsham. Leon, (pictured right) overcame fellow Oxon player **Steven Sheard** in the final. This is Leon's first national open win after two near misses in the Berks Open finals of 2003 & 2007. Leon had some great victories on the day beating 4 previous national title winner from the last 16 onwards in Keith Sheard, Gareth Lloyd, Nigel Senior and Steven in the final. For Steven there was a tinge of disappointment as he failed to add to his one open victory, the 2005 Portsmouth Open.

An incredible **103 players** took part so again 12 tables had to be found to complete the day at a reasonable time. **Mark Brewster** made the days high break with **20,640**.

The plate was won by **Bill Kerr**, beating fellow Sussex player **Richard Wooton**. **Chris Newson** took the high ladies break with a **7,960** effort—no he has not had a sex change, **Chris Toner & Chris Newson** recently got married—congratulations to them—but how confusing now for tournament organisers to have two Chris Newsons entered!



Dates for your diary —see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

- 6th Feb - England v Jersey result Eng men 25-8 Jer men, Eng ladies 12-9 Guest team
- 13th Feb - Oxon Open - winner Nigel Senior
- 6/7th Mar - British Pairs - winners Keith Sheard & Mark Trafford
- 11th Apr—British Ladies Open - winner Alison Norman
- 18th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC) - winner Keith Sheard
- 1st May - Guernsey v England result Eng 40-18 Gue
- 2nd May - Guernsey Open - winner Kevin Tunstall
- 9th May - Surrey Open - winner Kevin Tunstall
- 13th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) - winner Leon Beer
- 4th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
- 25th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 8th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 22nd Aug - Mixed Pairs (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 12th Sept - Berks Open(@ PO Club, Reading)
- 19th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 3rd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 17th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 31st Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 5/6/7th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs singles (Jersey)
- 21st Nov - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 28th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 5th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)

Upcoming Events in July & August

13th July - Kent Classic - The 14th Kent Classic will take place in July at the Six in One Club in Tonbridge. Last years final was competed by the 2 brothers, Paul Sainsbury beating his brother Pete.

25th July - Under 25's/ Over 50's/ Over 60's - Please note the new date for these competitions at the Post Office Club, Reading. The Under 25's last year was won for the 6th time by Steven Sheard who beat Adam Bateup in the final. Tony Martin won last years over 50's beating Bill Trinder, and the over 60's was won by Dave France who beat Hampshire's Alan Chaloner. Please contact Dave Alder if you want to play in any of these tournaments

9th August - Bucks Open - the 8th August sees the 10th running of the Bucks Open at the Princes Riseborough Golf Club. Last year Curt Driver captured his first National title beating Gareth Lloyd in the final.